# Princess Anne Middle School

**2011-2012 Class Expectations**

**6th Grade Science**

***Assignment Information***: To register to receive assignments via email:

1. Go to <http://www.princessannems.vbschools.com>.
2. Click on the MySchool MAIL button (on the **LEFT** hand side of the website).
3. Subscribe to the Elements Core.

**Course Description and Objectives:** Core and advanced 6th grade science is an activity-based course in which the students participate in hands on activities. Experimental design and real world applications will be used to teach about the natural and technological world. Students will use inquiry skills and problem solving strategies to develop an understanding of science and technology. The course objectives correlate with the Virginia Standards of Learning.

**Course Scope and Sequence:**

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| **Core 6th Science**  \*Investigative Process Skills  \*Matter  \*Chemistry  \*Space  \*Weather  \*Energy  \*Virginia Watershed  **Text:** Science Explorer: Grade 6 by Prentice Hall | **Advanced 6th Science**  \*Investigative Process Skills  \*Matter  \*Chemistry  \*Space  \*Energy  \*Light  \*Sound  \* Heat  \*Electricity and Magnetism  \*Force and Motion  **Text:** Science Explorer: Physical Science by Prentice Hall |

**Materials:** It is each student’s responsibility to come to class prepared each day with their binder/spiral notebook, pencils, highlighters, and agenda. Additionally students are expected to check to see what additional materials may be needed. These can include but are not limited to: textbooks, workbooks, and coloring supplies.

**Assessment Measures:** Students will be assessed in a variety of ways to accommodate a variety of learning styles. Tests, quizzes, performance tasks, class work, homework, and group work are the type of assessments that will be used for this course. Tests and performance tasks will be given each marking period and quizzes will be given as needed.

**Grading Procedures and Policies:**

Your child’s grade will be computed in the following manner:

* Tests will count forty percent. Lab write- ups and performance tasks will count thirty percent. Quizzes will count twenty percent. Class and homework will count ten percent.
* Homework offers an opportunity for students to practice what is taught at school. Homework will be assigned to give the students the opportunity to reinforce or extend lessons learned in class.
* It is the student’s responsibility to copy each night’s assignment into their agenda/planner. Parents may also sign up for MySchoolMail from the Princess Anne Middle School website (<http://www.princessannems.vbschools.com/>) to verify your child’s daily homework assignments.
* Late assignments will not be accepted once a new unit begins, unless okayed by me.

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| **Range** | **Letter Grade** | **Points** |
| **93 - 100** | **A** | **4.0** |
| **90 - 92** | **A-** | **3.7** |
| **87 - 89** | **B**+ | **3.3** |
| **83 - 86** | **B** | **3.0** |
| **80 - 82** | **B-** | **2.7** |
| **77 - 79** | **C+** | **2.3** |
| **73 - 76** | **C** | **2.0** |
| **70 - 72** | **C-** | **1.7** |
| **67- 69** | **D+** | **1.3** |
| **64 - 66** | **D** | **1.0** |
| **Below 64** | **E** | **0.0** |

**Help Sessions:** I will be available for extra help by appointment only. Students must have a signature in their agenda from me, which will allow them to get into the building early in the morning.

**Home/School Communication:**

Keeping the communication lines open between the parents and the teachers is vital to a student’s success. Below are ways I will be communicating with you:

* **E-mail** – The **BEST** way to reach me!
* **Conferences** -. If you feel a conference is necessary, then contact the guidance department. Conferences will be from 8:30-8:55 in the guidance office.
* **Agenda/Planner** – The school will provide each student with a planner (agenda). The planner must be used every day to record homework, upcoming tests, etc. Please check your child’s planner often to keep up with classroom information. Occasionally, there may be a message from the teacher written in it and parents can write messages to the teacher as well. If the planner is lost or damaged, it must be replaced at the student’s cost of $8.
* **Parent Portal** – is available for all parents through the website. This allows you to review your child’s grades. Grades will be updated in a reasonable amount of time after an assignment is given.

**Citizenship Expectations:**

Students will:

* Bring necessary supplies to class each day
* Work cooperatively in large and small groups
* Use proper behavior by following the school and class rules
* Go directly to homeroom from their bus in the morning
* Let the teacher know where they are going at all times
* Use the agenda/planner correctly

Students experiencing difficulty meeting behavioral expectations will be disciplined according to the VBCPS Code of Conduct.